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SUBJECT: VESCO EXTRADITION

REF: STATE 298612

1. DEPARTMENT CONTACTED MORNING DECEMBER 9 BY JACK LOWE, ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, WITH FOLLOWING REQUEST RELATED TO RECHNITZER CASE (REFTEL). U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SPECIFICALLY INTERESTED IN KNOWING, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE, WHAT CRIMINAL CHARGES HAVE BEEN MADE IN RECHNITZER CASE. PROSECUTORS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHETHER CHARGES ARE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS THOSE MADE IN THE U.S. INDICTMENT.

2. ACCORDING TO LOWE, ORTIZ HAD PROMISED TO FIND OUT AS MUCH AS HE COULD REGARDING RECHNITZER CASE, WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS. LOWE STRESSED THAT HE WAS NOT REQUESTING THE EMBASSY TO ENGAGE IN ANY IMPROPER
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ACTIVITY, BUT WAS ONLY MAKING THE REQUEST IN THE HOPE THAT

EMBASSY SOURCES MIGHT PROVIDE RELEVANT SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION TO THAT WHICH ORTIZ MAY LEARN.

3. AS FOR DECEMBER 8 DISCUSSIONS, LOWE INDICATED THAT INDICTMENT USED AGAINST VESCO IN THE BAHAMAS HAD BEEN REVIEWED BY ORTIZ AND U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE STAFF. LOWE REPORTED THAT ORTIZ LIKED THE BAHAMIAN INDICTMENT MUCH BETTER THAN THE ONE HE HAD RECENTLY REVIEWED, AND EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT BAHAMIAN CASE WAS MUCH BETTER OVERALL. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT ORTIZ WOULD REVIEW LEGAL ISSUES RAISED BY BAHAMIAN CASE UPON HIS RETURN TO SAN JOSE.

4. A COPY OF BAHAMIAN INDICTMENT IS BEING MAILED TO DEPARTMENT; UPON RECEIPT, DEPARTMENT WILL FORWARD IT TO EMBASSY. ROBINSON

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